## TERPSICHORE ENTERED BICYCLE WONDERLAND.

Brilliant, Though Unexpected, Denouement of the Journal's Big Parade.

Cyclists Assembled for Judgment Accepted Music's Invitation to Waltz.

Impromptu Cycle Costume Ball the Equal of Which New York Has Never Seen.

JUDGES AMAZED THEN CHARMED.

So, in the Metropolitan Bicycle Academy, Wheelmen and Wheelwomen Danced Till Sunlight Dimmed Their Brilliancy.

The bal masque at the Metropolitan Bicycle Academy after the parade was a surprise party not announced on the bills, to speak in theatrical parlance-and a gala scene the multitude, disintegrating in the streets, homeward bound, dreamed not ofsurprise party that the occasion evolved, and one, as Bronson Howard observed, that would long be remembered, as attractive and interesting as the parade.

Mark Twain and I, both carpet-baggers in the city at the time, attended a French bal musque at Irving Hall some years ago (when the Lotos Club was opposite), at which the can-can, then the rage in Paris, was danced for the first time in America, and no one was allowed in attendance who was not in costume, he going as rBian Boru and I as Hamlet. Since then various annual bal masques have been given at the Academy of Music, the Madison Square Garden and the Metropolitan Opera House y the Cercle de l'Harmonie Française, the Liederkranz and the Arion (none of which I have ever missed attending, and so can peak authoritatively), but each year the tendency has been to leave the costume wearing to some others, and the result has been that the bul masques have proved delusions, inasmuch as the convenional evening dress predominated, and conquently the most complete masquerade I have ever witnessed was the motley asemblage in the spacious amphitheatre of he Metropolitan Bleycle Academy, as all were in costume. As the judges picked out a rider in the parade he or she was ticketed by the alert couriers and ordered to awalt the final inspection at the Academy after

would not have missed this spectacle for a good deal. It was indeed and in truth a masquerade, the beautiful display of patriotic bunting and electric Illumina ion enhancing the grotesqueness and deturesqueness. The contrasts of color and adornments were most interesting and citalizing to the eye. I recall some atractive fancy dress carnivals on the skatponds of the associations then popu-

ar in the days of my youth, but never uch a mise en scene of masquerade as hat presented by the crowd of the choicest pecimens of the great bicycle carnival norative of the great transconti- in harmony with the brilliant mise en

Of course, the strains of the band with and onfined. Attractive as the parade was, a the splendid illumination of the paragraph. he bal masque in the bleycle roadway, unremeditated and spontaneous, was something to be remembered as a gala scene.
CHANDOS FULTON.

When the multitude that witnessed the social institution of the future. greatest bleycle parade in the history of than satisfied, in the early hours of yester-lay, it did not know it was missing the most Brilliant feature of the whole affair. Not even the judges had an inkling of the splendid climax of the night's carnival that awaited their arrival at the Metro. The judges who awarded the prizes, the politan Bicycle Academy, where they were marshals who commanded divisions, the J. G. FOLLANSBEE-The Journal's bicycle to deliver their verdlets and award prizes. captains who led the clubs, prominent men parade was one of the most beautiful sights Not even those who prepared for the sur-prise conceived the extent to which it was to be improved mon by the sonutaneous to be improved upon by the spontaneous parade. action of the competing wheelmen and GENERAL COLLIS, Commissioner of Public wheelwomen.

The occasion was the birth of a new and most alluring form of the bal masque in the costume bleycle ball; and those who joined in the novel festivities and were privileged to witness them will remember the occasion for a long time to come.

The management of the Metropolitan Bicycle Academy had been lavish in its made me all the more determined to put the payements of New York City in such a conpeting wheelmen and judges. The Boulevard at Sixtleth street was rendered almost as light as day by the hugs chandeliers of chinese lanterns suspended on either side. POLICE COMMISSIONER ANDREWS, another The entrance was decorated, and the of the judges-I consider the Journal's bleyinterior of the academy was gorgeous with electric lights, bunting and flowers. As the C. C. HUGHES-I have never witnessed in Enhour for the return of the contestants drew rope or America a more brilliant carnival near a fine band engaged by Mr. Bridgeman

According to the directions of the of- BRONSON HOWARD, the playwright-I had ficints in charge of the parade all the hardly thought it possible that so grand a for the Journal's prizes dropped out of the line at Sixtleth street, and rode their handline at Slxtieth street, and rode their handsomely decorated wheels into the Academy,
furmediately on entering, their ears were
alled with an inspiring dance selection by
the band. They applauded the lights and
decorations, and suddenly the spacious
floor and their own fancy costumes took
on an added significance.

There was a mement of indecision, and
then as by a common inspiration the conrestrants ranged their wheels against the
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M. M. BELDEN, JR.—I can say that never in management of the academy was

Till Daylight Did Appear. 'Miss Electricity," with her blazing cresaccepted as partners impartially ephistos, Li Hung Changs and Romeos; off a dozen "Queens of the Night," in our dusky draperies and their incandes-nt stars, proved that principle with the dals had made them no strangers to erpsichore; there was no pressic inter-tugling of conventional coats and shirt



## the all-conquering wheel dispersed, more PRAISE FOR THE PAGEANT.

Pronounce the Journal's Parade the Grandest Ever Seen.

Works-I am grateful to the Journal for hav-ing given the cyclists of New York City the pleasure they have enjoyed in to-night's pageant, and for having furnished the peo-ple of this city such a brilliant and beautiful spectacle. I was, indeed, delighted to find the cyclists so appreciative of the work done in their interests by my department of the city government. To-night's grand fete, afforded by the liberality of the Journal, has dition as to afford the wheelmen even better opportunities for the enjoyment of this

cle feto a grand success. It was the finest thing of the kind I have ever seen.

than the Journal's cycling fetc. The gro-tesque division was simply wonderful for the variety and novelty of costumes and dec-

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treasure the handsome trophy awarded us. we will also further remember the Journal for giving the bicycle clubs of the vicinity cent fete which has given us all so much pleasure and afforded such a treat to the

CAPTAIN GREENIA, of the South Brooklyn Wheelmen-When I brought my club over to participate in the fete I had no idea it was to be such a magnificent pageant. I shall spectacle in which our club has ever taken

M. BRUNNER-I couldn't gefrain from stopping in town to take an active part in the Journal's blevele fete. I had no idea it could be so fine. It went away beyond my expectations. I congratulate the Journal on the management of the most brilliant page-

I ever remember having seen. It was a complete success in every respect. It was a gor-geous spectacle, and to me it proved an agreeable surprise. I had no idea that so much could be accomplished in the way of illuminations and decorations on bicycles. GEORGE DE FOREST GRANT-The parade

idea there were so many wheels in the country, neither did I think the cyclists had such perfect control of their wheels. The effect of light and color made one of the prettiest

but I learned much by witnessing the Jone

pleased over the outcome of anything with the law been connected in the cycling which I have been connected in the cycling of the Century Wheelmen took the first prize. That was the spirit in which the members of the Century Wheelmen took the judy of the parade and entinglated in 1889 and the grandest prize in the team race of the Station I have been connected in the derivative in the was an ample for the work unnoted that the composition of the purpose of the Century Wheelmen took the purpose of the

ant New York has ever seen,

was a complete revelation to me. I had no

JUDGE CLARENCE E. M'DOWELL-Of course I am slightly prejudiced in favor of horses, nal's bicycle parade. I never before thought it possible to execute tableaus on wheels, and this was done on Saturday night. The eccentricities of costume and display of light and color were bewildering and dazzling in their beauty. It was the grandest spectacle of the

kind that I have ever seen.

JAMES WAKELEY-I have seen some of the dargest gatherings at parades, races, fights and other events, but I never saw so many people out at the same time as 1 saw at the Journal's bicycle parade on Saturday night. It was certainly a grand sight. It

When those of the wheelmen and wheelwomen who had been looked upon with special favor by the judges

gathered at the Metropolitan Bicycle Academy for the last selection of the prize winners, the sound of dance music welcomed them. It needed but the response of a few nimble feet to this invitation to transform the end

CLUBS THAT WON PRIZES.

the Relay Couriers.

bicycle parade on Saturday night are as follows:

silver loving cup, awarded to the Harlem Wheelmen.

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tunities of competing for prizes.

fective.

the carnival.

The prizes awarded to the clubs that took part in the Journal's grand

The first prize, a solid silver punch bowl, for the most tasteful and

Prize to the New York club having the largest number of riders in

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Prize to the visiting club having the largest number of riders in line.

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Honorable mention, too, must be made of the illumination of the bi-

cycles ridden by the Century Club, which was very handsome and ef-

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All the bicycle clubs looked well and added greatly to the success of

The Journal extends its thanks to all the clubs that took part in Sat-

The Journal has added to the list of prizes already announced to be

given for feature's in Saturday night's competition, a special club prize, awarded to the Calumet Bicycle Club; a prize awarded to the most

graceful lady rider; one for the best illuminated group of wheels; one

urday night's festival, and can assure them they will have other oppor-

line, a solid silver loving cup, awarded to the Paramount Wheelmen.

ver tobacco jar, gilded; awarded to the South Brooklyn Wheelmen.

a solid silver loving cup, awarded to the Hackensack Wheelmen.

silver loving cup, awarded to Company E. Eighth Regiment.

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ures used by the Riverside Wheelmen of this city.

effective illumination of its bicycles, awarded to the Harlem Wheelmen.

line, a solid silver punch bowl and ladle, awarded to the Century Wheel-

which New York is familias, but all was neactical purposes. While we shall ever counts the victory of their team in a road man of the Committee on Athletics, who organization in the metropolitan district. The best

of the pageant into a brilliant cycle costume ball. The judges entered into the spirit of the fun, and the bicyclists danced till the sun paled their bright costumes. Some of the Successful Competitors in the Journal's Bingley, president; Waldo E. Rice, vice-lighting of the Boulevard. The General in president; J. H. Goodwin, secretary; H. North, corresponding secretary; G. J. continuous ovation from the riders as they bugler. They had 200 men in line Saturday night, and some of their members had

"C-0-1-1-1-s-Collis! Collis!"

At each repetition of it the General would their wheels. J. B. Davis and A. Leiser field. The club's mascot, little Miss Bessie Woods, elsewhere described. rode a wheel covered with a beautifully When the judges had examined all the lluminated pink canopy. E. H. Proudman costumes and decorations offered in comwas arrayed in a full dress suit made of petition, had compared notes and made

copies of the Journal. In the pretty Gothic clubhouse of the Clio ing over the trees of Central Park. Bleycle Club at Fairmount avenue and the Boulevard, Jersey City, there was joy yeserday, when the news was received that the club had been awarded the prize as the Mrs. Jane Cassidy, Seventy-four Years Old best appearing visiting club. The Clios are not unused to prize winning, but as President Smith expressed it, "It means omething to win in a competition like that

of Saturday night."

## OLD SOL LAUGHED AT THE MERRY WHEELMEN.

The Journal Didn't Expect That When It Planned the Cycle Pageant.

But There Was Too Much Fun and Brilliancy to Crowd into One Night.

Throughout the Whole Spectacle the Police Did Gallant and Effective Work

CHEERS FOR GENERAL C. H. T. COLLIS.

Bicyclists Remembered His Hearty Sympathy with Them and How He Helped the Journal Light the Boulevard.

The Journal's big bicycle parade was still in progress Saturday night when the paper went to press. At that time every foot of vantage space along the streets and avenues through which the brilliantly lighted wheels passed was occupied, and necessarily a part of the story of the great pageant in honor of the relay couriers had to be left

There were 10,000 cyclists in the parade proper, and a hundred clubs were out in full force and practice-perfected formation. Fully 300,000 persons looked and chatted and admired and cheered as the fantastically beautiful wheels glided along the

route of march. The enthusiasm of cyclists found its expression along the five miles extent of that triumphal parade in the cheering thou-sands, the decoration of business and private houses and the waving salutes of clouds of hats and handkerchiefs.

The police arrangements were perfect Acting Inspector Harley at the point of formation had a squad of stalwart men early on the ground to hold the crowds in check, and they were needed, not on account of any obsterperous disposition on the part of the multitudes, but by reason of the tremendous size of the crowds. At the grandstand and turning point of the parade Inspector McCullagh with a big force of men kept open highways for the wheelmen and safe order for the spectators. Other captains with big details of men had charge of the intervening distances of the route of the parade, and their work was splendidly done.

Roundsman Lake was in command of the squad of sixteen bleyele policemen who acted as the escort to the pageant, and their efficiency was everywhere remarked. They got as much applause as the clubs.

Up at the reviewing stand General C. H. T. Collis, Commissioner of Public Works; Bronson Howard, the playwright; Police Commissioner Andrews, Mr. C. C. Hughes, Chandos Fulton, the veteran journalist, and Mr. James E. Townsend viewed the pass-ing pageant, standing and taking notes, which were later to govern their awarding of the prizes.

All the wheelmen and wheelwomen knew From their first home, No. 310 West Fifty. General Collis, and remembered his notathird street, they have moved into elegant ble services in their interests in regard to new quarters in West Seventy-first street, the improvement of highways, and espe-Kraemer, treasurer; Mathew Glbb, cap- swept past. Whole divisions had yells tain; P. J. Murray, first lieutenant; Charles ready for him, and at two-minute intervals Kraemer, second lieutenant; Thomas Migdeafening shout o

musually fine individual decorations on blush like a boy and bow like a Chester-

After the pageant was over the con bearing a huge floral representation of a testants for the Journal prizes and the Ferris wheel between them. E. S. Edjudges who were to decide as to their wards had his wheel covered by a tent, claims met at the Metropolitan Cycle sovered entirely with copies of the Journal. Academy. The brilliant scene there is

their final awards, the sun was just peep-

## SHE GOT ONLY PITY.

Held on a Charge of Stealing a Purse in a Sixth Avenue Store.

A pathetic figure was Mrs. Jane Cassldy, who was held in \$300 ball for trial for The Clio Club is only two years old, and larceny in the Jefferson Market Police that has been in its present house only since January 1, 1896. It has a membership of of age, and every year in her long life has 215. Its officers are: President, W. H. left its imprint on her wrinkled face and the light Smith, Jr.; vice-president, P. Uhl; secretary, E. B. Fisher; treasurer, W. Marbey; of a kindly soul shone from her weak bine captain, John J. Coriey; first lieutenant, A. F. Grasman; second lieutenant, John L. Ward.

There was much satisfaction in the Paramounts' pretty clubhouse, at No. 121 Fifty-third street, South Brooklyn, when it was learned yesterday that the club had been successful in turning out the largest numsuccessful in turning out the largest numsuccessful.

was far ahead of what I expected it to be.
I never saw one before, and there was a
d to in it that was new to me. The illuminated group of wheels; one
that is that was new to me. The illuminated group of wheels; one
having it at night was a good one.

PRIZE WINNERS JOYFUL.

Harlem Wheelmen, Clio Cyclists, the Paramounts and the South Brooklyn Wheelmen Are Full of Pride.

It was a day of Joy pesterday at the
hamdsome clubhouse of the Harlem Wheelmen, No. 21 West One Hundred and
Twenty-fourth street. Not until 4 o'clock
yesterday morning did the members cease
to talk about their good fortune in capturline the first prize for best general appears
ance in the great parade.

West of the best float on bicycles; and two, a first and second, to children.
All of these, and the prizes awarded to individual riders, will be announced in the Journal to-morrow or next day.

It is doubtful whether the judges in any blcycle event ever held had
soo much hard work to do as on Saturday night. There were nearly
three hundred selected from the cyclists who passed before the reviewing stand, and there were so many good features it was a daylight Sunday before their labors were concluded. One or two points have still to
be settled, when the final decision will be announced.

The Journal desires to state it is arranging for a big bicycle carnival, to be held indoors during the coming Winter, date and particulars
of which will be published later.

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men—To-night's affair was the grandest page—ant in which our club has ever participated.
Our men are all enthusiastic over the effort of the Journal to give the people of New York an opportunity to see the possibilities

The Century Wheelmen have cause to be young made in the great pageant. Although only of the excellent showing which they made in the great pageant. Although only daughter had a severe Cough. We to win.

A silver cup tells that the club made the drew J. Englert, captain. Much of the excellent showing saturday to give the people of New Year's nights, that took daring and courage Dubarry, vice-president; Charles Brons, sections, and in a severe Cough. We to win.

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